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### SIMI VALLEY

#### Contaminants found at Rocketdyne lab

Testing at Rocketdyne's Santa Susana Field Laboratory has shown groundwater contamination by a chemical in solid rocket fuel that officials say holds potential health risks.

Perchlorate, which inhibits thyroid function, was found in four out of 38 wells at the site in the hills above Simi Valley during two rounds of testing last year, officials said.

Rocketdyne spokesman Dan Beck said the contamination appeared isolated to an area where solid fuel was once stored at the field lab.

He said there was no evidence of any perchlorate contamination off-site.